

1 **Claim Amendment Summary**

2 **Claims pending**

3 • At time of the Action: Claims 1-7, 15-19, 64, 65, and 67-71.
4 • After this Response: Claims 1-7, 15-19, 64, 65, and 67-71.

5 **Canceled or Withdrawn claims:** none.

6 **Amended claims:** none.

7 **New claims:** none.

8 **Claims:**

9 **1. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** A computer-implemented
10 method for hashing a body of text, the method comprising:

11 obtaining a body of text containing textual content in a computer-readable
12 format;

13 formatting the body of text into a defined image-based format, wherein the
14 textual content of the defined image-based formatted body of text is immutable via
15 software tools for manipulation of textual content of bodies of text;

16 deriving a hash value representative of the textual content of the body of
17 text, perceptually distinct bodies of text having hash values that are substantially
18 independent of each other.

19 **2. (ORIGINAL)** A method as recited in claim 1, wherein
20 perceptually distinct bodies of text have hash values that are independent of each
21 other.

1 **3. (ORIGINAL)** A method as recited in claim 1 further
2 comprising comparing hash values of two bodies of text to determine if such
3 values match.

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5 **4. (ORIGINAL)** A method as recited in claim 1 further
6 comprising comparing hash values of two bodies of text to determine if such
7 values substantially match.

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9 **5. (ORIGINAL)** A method as recited in claim 4 further
10 comprising indicating whether such values substantially match.

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12 **6. (ORIGINAL)** A computer comprising one or more computer-
13 readable media having computer-executable instructions that, when executed by
14 the computer, perform the method as recited in claim 1.

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16 **7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** A computer-readable
17 medium having computer-executable instructions that, when executed by a
18 computer, performs the method as recited in claim 3.

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20 Claims 8-14 are CANCELED.

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1 **15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** A computer-implemented
2 method for hashing a body of text, the method comprising:

3 obtaining a body of text containing textual content in a computer-readable
4 format;

5 formatting the body of text into a defined image-based format, wherein the
6 textual content of the defined image-based formatted body of text is immutable via
7 software tools for manipulation of textual content of bodies of text;

8 deriving a hash value representative of the body of text, perceptually
9 similar bodies of text having proximally similar hash values.

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11 **16. (ORIGINAL)** A method as recited in claim 15 further
12 comprising comparing hash value of a body of text to determine if such value is
13 proximally near hash values of a group of bodies of text having proximally
14 clustered hash values.

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16 **17. (ORIGINAL)** A method as recited in claim 16 further
17 comprising grouping the body of text with the group of bodies of text if the hash
18 value of such body is proximally near the values of the group.

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20 **18. (ORIGINAL)** A computer comprising one or more computer-
21 readable media having computer-executable instructions that, when executed by
22 the computer, perform the method as recited in claim 16.

1 **19. (ORIGINAL)** A computer-readable medium having computer-
2 executable instructions that, when executed by a computer, performs the method
3 as recited in claim 16.

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5 Claims 20-63 are **CANCELED**.

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7 **64. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** A computer-readable
8 medium having computer-executable instructions that, when executed by a
9 computer, performs the method comprising:

10 obtaining a body of text containing textual content in a computer-readable
11 format;

12 formatting the body of text into a defined image-based format, wherein the
13 textual content of the defined image-based formatted body of text is immutable via
14 software tools for manipulation of textual content of bodies of text;

15 deriving a hash value representative of the textual content of the body of
16 text, perceptually distinct bodies of text having hash values that are substantially
17 independent of each other.

65. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)

A computer-readable

medium having computer-executable instructions that, when executed by a computer, performs the method comprising:

obtaining a body of text containing textual content in a computer-readable format;

formatting the body of text into a defined image-based format, wherein the textual content of the defined image-based formatted body of text is immutable via software tools for manipulation of textual content of bodies of text;

deriving a hash value representative of the body of text, perceptually similar bodies of text having proximally similar hash values.

66. (CANCELED)

67. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)

A method as recited in

claim 4 further comprising indicating suspicion of plagiarism between the two bodies of text when the compared hash values of the two bodies of text substantially match.

68. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)

A method as recited in

claim 1, wherein, before formatting, the textual content of the body of text comprises multiple words and sentences.

69. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein, before formatting, the textual content of the body of text comprises multiple words and sentences and the derived hash value is representative of all of the textual content of the body of text.

70. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method as recited in claim 15, wherein, before formatting, the textual content of the body of text comprises multiple words and sentences.

71. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method as recited in claim 15, wherein, before formatting, the textual content of the body of text comprises multiple words and sentences and the derived hash value is representative of all of the textual content of the body of text.